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Wishing you all a Prosperous Year, and  
trusting to have the pleasure of meeting  
you in my New Quarters,  
I am, yours sincerely,  
R. D. SHELLS.

## Hail Indemnity Amounts to \$26,000

Annual Report of Vital Statistics  
and Agricultural Departments—  
Light Day in the Legislature

Edmonton, Jan. 29.—The annual  
report of the agricultural department  
was laid on the table of the house  
today. It shows among other things  
that there has been four per cent in-  
crease in stock exportation over last  
year; that the business of hail insur-  
ance has not proved a great success  
in the province, as far as the province  
is concerned, and that, fruit experi-  
mental stations in the province have  
not yet established the fact that fruit  
growing can be carried on with abso-  
lute success in Alberta.

Stock exportation figures are given  
as follows:—

	1907	1908
High River	3652	4587
Insinifal	42	570
Lethbridge	1700	4450

The above are for eastern ship-  
ments.  
The western shipments show 75 per  
cent increase at High River, and also  
large increase at Cochrane and Days-  
land, but have decreased at Lacombe,  
and Insinifal.

The report states it was necessary  
for this department to discontinue the  
coyote bounty after April 20th, on  
account of the money voted for this  
purpose being exhausted by that date.

The amount paid by the government  
for hail premium was \$26,000, while  
the total indemnity of farmers who  
were hauled out was \$69,475. The  
expenses in connection with hail in-  
surance were \$4,351. The per cent-  
age on insured acreage damaged was  
23.10.

The report showed that at nearly  
all of the nine experimental fruit sta-  
tions, orchards had suffered severely  
from frost and snow in September,  
1907, and many of the young trees  
were killed.

The report of vital statistics showed  
an increase of 26 per cent of births  
last year, the total being 5,964.  
Total marriages were 1,894.  
Total deaths 2,094.  
Ratio of births to deaths, 5.85.  
The ratio of males was 1,077 to  
1,000 females.

A little other routine business was  
done and the house adjourned.

## Dates for Commission

Railway Hearings Scheduled for  
Next Month at Various Points

Ottawa, Jan. 28.—The Railway  
Commission has definitely decided on  
the following dates for sittings of the  
board of the west.

Winnipeg—February 1 to 10.  
Regina—February 11 to 12.  
Medicine Hat—February 15 to 16  
Calgary—February 17 to 18.  
Edmonton—February 19 to 20.  
Vancouver—February 23 to 26.  
Victoria—February 27.  
Nelson and Lethbridge—During  
the first week of March.

It has been decided that Commis-  
sioners Mills and McLean and Traffic  
Officer Hartwell are all who will go  
west.

Montreal, Jan. 28.—Speaking re-  
garding the rumored possibility of the  
construction of the Melville, Saskatch-  
ewan & Hudson Bay railway. Mr.  
Wainwright said today: "We have  
arranged guarantees from Regina to  
Yorkton and Calgary, down to Cuth-  
bert. We have a charter from Regina  
through Melville to Fort Churchill,  
but have no immediate intention of  
building past Yorkton."

## Deputation to Al- berta Government

### Re Railroad Policy

Southern Alberta Wants  
More Roads

A deputation of representatives  
from Calgary, High River, Claresholm,  
McLeod, Pincher Creek, Lethbridge,  
Cardston, Raymond, Taber and Medi-  
cine Hat waited on the Cabinet on  
Monday morning last. They were  
introduced by the Hon. Mr. Finlay  
of Medicine Hat, Minister of Agri-  
culture, and were very cordially re-  
ceived.

The deputation impressed upon the  
government the necessity of further  
railway facilities in Southern Alberta.  
They pointed out the fact that the  
country was becoming quickly settled  
up, and the urgent need of railways  
in the settled parts of the country,  
and urged upon them to construct  
railways in such parts as are already  
settled rather than build colonization  
roads. The Premier replied that it  
was the policy of his government to  
encourage the building of such roads,  
and that they were prepared to  
guarantee the bonds of such com-  
panies as had good financial backing.  
The government looked with disfavor  
upon those companies who had ob-  
tained charters merely for specula-  
tion, and did not intend to build the  
roads themselves. The Premier was  
asked concerning the charter which  
had been granted to a company to build  
a railroad from Coyle to Edmonton  
through Lacombe, and replied that the  
fact this charter had been granted  
could not prevent another company  
from obtaining a charter to run over  
much the same territory.

He intimated that the G.T.P. and  
C.N.R. were likely to begin construc-  
tion at an early date. The G.T.P.  
intend to build from Wainwright to  
Calgary and thence to Lethbridge  
and Coyle.

## Will Affiliate

Edmonton, Jan. 28.—As a result of  
the deliberation of the board of gov-  
ernors of Alberta college (Methodist)  
Edmonton. It has been decided to  
affiliate with Alberta university. A  
theological faculty will be established  
next fall, and theological work and  
the ladies' college department at  
present conducted in connection with  
the college, will be transferred to the  
new college building to be erected on  
the university grounds, Strathcona.  
Dr. J. W. Riddell was re-appointed  
principal.

## Church Services

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter  
Day Saints—Sunday school at 10 a.m.  
every Sunday. Sacrament meet-  
ing at 2 p.m. Sunday evening ser-  
vice at 8 p.m.—Young Ladies'  
Mutual Improvement Association,  
every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. Primary  
Association every Saturday at 3 p.m.  
St. Theodore Church.—Morning  
Prayer, 11 a.m.; Sunday School,  
3 p.m.; Evening Prayer, 7:30 p.m.  
Holy Communion, 11 a.m. first Sun-  
day in each month and 8:30 a.m. on  
third Sunday in the month.

Knox Church.—Morning service at  
11 a.m.; followed by Sunday School  
and Bible Class. Evening service,  
7:30. Wednesday Congregational  
Prayer Meeting, 8 p.m.

## Domestic Row Ends In Shooting

Cardston District Excited By  
Alleged Case of Homicide—  
Wife the Culprit

Lethbridge, Alta. Feb. 1.—Richard  
Vadnais, a farmer living to the south  
of Cardston, was brought to the city  
tonight with two bullet wounds in his  
head and may not recover. His wife  
is accused of doing the shooting.  
Vadnais and his wife have hot tempers.  
They frequently quarrel, but usually  
make up. However, on Saturday  
night last the row was of more serious  
proportions than usual and as a re-  
sult the husband is in a precarious  
state. From what Vadnais says his  
wife shot him twice. They had been  
having a war of words and the woman  
pulled a gun and smothered all the  
desires of the husband for a con-  
tinuation of the argument. Vadnais  
was not completely disabled as he  
got on a horse and rode to a neigh-  
bor's house and told them of the  
shooting. The neighbor immediately  
brought Vadnais into Cardston where  
a doctor was seen. The doctor said  
that Vadnais was in a weak state  
and advised his removal to the hos-  
pital at Lethbridge for treatment.  
It was found that one bullet had  
gone through the neck and come out  
about the middle of the face. The  
other bullet came out about an inch  
below the ear.

No one seems to know what the  
quarrel was about. Mrs. Vadnais has  
been arrested and brought into town,  
but she is keeping her mouth very  
tight, and will not say any-  
thing. It was only last fall that Mrs.  
Vadnais and her brother-in-law, Bis-  
set by name, appeared in court on a  
charge of attempting to murder Vad-  
nais. They were acquitted and after  
the trial Vadnais went back to live with  
his wife. The quarrel at that time  
was over the presence of relatives of  
Mrs. Vadnais on the place.

Vadnais live at Boundary Creek,  
southwest of Cardston. Vadnais is a  
French-Canadian, with a fondness  
for liquor. He is considered fairly  
well to do, having a well stocked  
ranch.

The German War Office has bought  
the Parseval airship, built by Messrs  
Schockert & Co. for the sum of \$67,  
500. Aeronautical experts who were  
delegated to watch the recent tests  
of the airship came to the conclusion  
that she is capable of discharging all  
the duties required of a dirigible  
aerial vessel in war time.

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**E. C. Moe,**  
MANAGER,  
Taber Branch

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on Hough Street, while the Hard-  
ware will be sold from the building  
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to our customers, but we are in  
hopes they will excuse this owing to  
the predicament in which we find  
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The novel sight of a town being moved bodily to a new site will be witnessed when the C.P.R. begins putting into effect its regrade scheme on the Crow line next spring making important changes on the line between Frank and Macleod. Cowley, a small town on the C.P.R. line in Southern Alberta, will in the spring be moved two miles south of its present location. The C.P.R. has promised to pay all expenses of moving the town. A right of way has been purchased for the new extension which will strike

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## LOCALS

Mr. L. Morris of Regina was in town Monday and Tuesday last.

J. J. Herscher of Spokane, at one time owner of the Palace Hotel is in town for a few days.

Mrs. D. McNabb and family have moved out from Taber and are residing in Lethbridge.

Miss Heard arrived this week to take charge of the room vacated by Miss Howard in the north end school.

FOR SALE.—1 Acre broke and fenced, also 1 lot with good silt and well. Apply Mrs. L. J. Ritchie, near Cousins' Hall. 51-4f

The Board of Trade will hold its regular monthly meeting in the City Hall on Friday night, when it is hoped a large number will be present.

J. Hodgins, one of our tonsorial artists, who has been spending the last few weeks at his home in Ontario, returned yesterday and has resumed his work.

WANTED, for Eastern client, half-section of first-class land within ten miles of Taber, improved or otherwise. Imperial Development Company, Ltd., Box 1740, Lethbridge. 47-4f

R. H. Watson, late surveyor at the Canada West Coal Mine left on Wednesday night last for West Virginia where we understand he has accepted a very lucrative position under Mr. Charlton Dixon.

Messrs Palmer, Alfred Jeffrey and Piogras of Raymond are holding meetings in the L.D.S. Church this week. The attendances to date have been very good, and the addresses were listened to with great intent.

Rev. D. Jones returned home this morning from Calgary, where he has been recruiting his health. He is looking much better, and will resume his work at once. It is hoped that a large congregation will be present next Sunday to welcome him back.

On Thursday, Jan. 29th a very enjoyable dance was given in Cousin Hall. About fifty couples were present. Music was provided by the Loomis Orchestra and others, and a very dainty supper was served during the evening.

**We want land** men and owners to send us at once minute and exact descriptions of choice dry holdings at close figures and easy terms near railroad. Lethbridge or Taber preferred. No other than choice lands near railroads will be considered.—Atlantic-Pacific Land Syndicate, Guaranty Bldg., Minneapolis, Minn. 34-46 394f

On Tuesday evening last a large number of the young people of the town paid a surprise visit to the bridge camp. The bunkhouse was speedily cleared, and a very enjoyable time was spent. Music and dancing were the order of the evening, and the party broke up in the early hours of the morning, after everybody had had a good time.

On the application of Messrs Conybeare & Jones, acting for the judgment creditors of the company an order was made by the Hon. Mr. Justice Stuart for the winding up of the Reliance Coal Mining Co. Ltd. Mr. E. P. Miller, assistant treasurer of company, is named as provisional liquidator and the appointment of a permanent liquidator will be made on February 15th.

Dr McKenzie of Frank was in town Monday.

A. D. Jacoby was in town from Grassy Lake to-day.

R. S. Standerwick of Lethbridge spent Sunday last in town.

A. C. Hawthorne of Medicine Hat was in town Thursday last on business.

Geo. Quibell was in Edmonton last week attending the annual convention of School Trustees.

The District Court will be held in Taber on Tuesday next. A few small debts cases are on the calendar for hearing.

FOR RENT.—1 Acre broken and fenced with well-finished shack, 12 by 18 feet. Mrs. L. J. Ritchie, near Cousins' Hall. 51-4f

A dance at the home of Mr. Lee, north of the river, was well attended on the evening of his daughter's sixteenth birthday, Jan. 29th. All report a good time.

FOR SALE.—426 Acres, Section 10, Township 11, Range 15, on Crop Payment Plan, at \$15 per acre with \$1 per acre cash; balance payable by half crop each year. W. R. Dobbin, Lethbridge, Alberta. 51-4f

The Great Western Coal Co. commenced operations this week and intend putting in new machinery this summer, so as to be able to ship extensively by the fall. This company has acquired the Duggan-Huntrods mine.

We understand that the Canada West Coal Co. have laid off some 150 men this week, the reason assigned being lack of orders. They will continue to run a few punching machines for the present, which means an output of about two hundred tons of coal per day.

Some 45 delegates were present when W. Cousins of Medicine Hat took the chair.

R. P. Wallace was in Edmonton last week as delegate to the Union of Alberta Municipalities. On Wednesday morning Mayor Lee of Edmonton read an address of welcome to the delegates and extended to them the freedom of the city.

It was decided to affiliate with the Union of Municipalities of Canada and delegates were appointed to the next convention to be held at Medicine Hat. Chief Smart of Calgary Fire Dept. then read an excellent paper on Fire Protection in Small Towns. C. M. Arnold, city engineer of Lethbridge also read a paper on water filtration. On Thursday morning the delegates were given a street car ride through Edmonton and Strathcona as guests of the city, and were entertained to a sumptuous banquet in the evening.

## North of River

Rev. McComb preached at Mrs. Chum's to-day.

The Arrowsmiths have two pairs of twins—the first boys, the second girls.

Mr. Lockhart's hands and feet were badly frozen during the recent cold weather.

There was a dance at Mr. and Mrs. Brunton's on the 31st ult. in honor of Mrs. Brunton's birthday.

Mr. Popkess went to Claresholm, but has not returned yet. His eldest boy set the chicken coop on fire playing with matches. Mr. Hassel arrived just in time to save it. The chickens were all out of doors, it being the daytime.

## Grassy Lake

Mr. Porter spent Friday in Lethbridge on business.

Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Davies of Taber were in Grassy Lake on Monday and Tuesday last.

We understand that the local Freemasons are contemplating organizing a Maquie lodge here in the near future.

Messrs. Venville, S. Huntrods, Ed. Westlake and J. Turnbull spent Sunday last in our town. They noted several improvements since their last visit.

E. E. Tughan, M.D., C.M., of Lethbridge, Ont., arrived here this week, accompanied by his wife, and has bought out the drug store of E. M. Siskles. The doctor is a graduate of Toronto University Medical College and has had several years' experience in his profession. We do not think that the doctor could have chosen a better location, as we have a very large and well-settled country adjacent, and no doctor nearer than Taber, twenty-four miles west.

## SPORT

The Canadian curlers were defeated in their first match in Scotland by nine points, the opposing club being the Scottish Toe Rink of Crossinloof, Glasgow.

## SHRUBB-LONGBOAT RACE POSTPONED.

The race between Longboat and Shrub, which was to have taken place on January 20th, has been postponed for two weeks owing to an injury in the Englishman's left big toe. The nail has fallen off, but will probably be all right within a couple of weeks.

The boxing bout at the Lyric Theatre, Calgary, on Monday last between Cove and Lander resulted in a draw after fifteen rounds. It was a very fast and scientific boxing exhibition. The attendance was the largest ever at a boxing contest in Calgary. The decision was not popular, many thinking that Lander should have won. In the last round Cove was all in and could easily have been knocked out, but Lander was also tired and failed to take up his advantage.

An interesting boxing bout was pulled off on Thursday last in the Taber Opera House between Kil Howell of Taber and Charles Burrows of Frank. After Referee Woods had introduced the principals to the audience the seconds got their men ready. At the sound of the bell the lads shook hands and Burrows took the aggressive. The first two rounds were very even, Burrows, however, landing Howells some hard "wallops" on the jaw. In the third round Howells sent Charlie to the ground from a hard hit on the jaw. Charlie took the count of eight. Howells made the rest of the round very interesting for Burrows. In the fourth round Burrows fouled "Kid" by hitting low and he was cautioned by the referee. From that time onwards Howells did just what he pleased with his opponent, and when in the tenth round Charlie fouled again he was disqualified. The decision was very popular with the audience. Although beaten Burrows and has made a host of friends in Taber by his exhibition of pluck.

## Favors the Grain Growers

First Important Order of the Railway Commission—Judge Mabee's Order

It is ordered that where shippers upon all or any railways subject to the jurisdiction of the parliament of Canada in the provinces of Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta are compelled to furnish car doors to enable cars to be used for traffic, allowance should be made on the following basis—Lower car door, \$1; upon car door, 50c. And adjustment on the above basis shall be made by the agent at or nearest the point of shipment by (a) at the time of the shipment payment to the shipper of the amount out of funds of the railway company, of which he is agent, in his hands; or (b) the shipper may deduct from the freight charges, if any, payable by him upon the shipment in such car to which the said doors were supplied, the amount of such bill, on the foregoing basis, recouping the same and turning the account in to the agent as so much cash.

## News in Brief

The next convention of the Union of Alberta Municipalities will be held in Lethbridge.

It is reported that King Menelik of Abyssinia is gravely ill, but the rumors of his death cannot be confirmed.

Congress has sustained the provision of the naval appropriation bill calling for two new battleships for the U.S. navy.

Louis and B. Peres were arrested at Emerson last Saturday on suspicion of having set fire to the Alexandria Block.

Queen Margherita, mother of King Victor Emmanuel of Italy is going to Japan in August next, and will remain in the island three months.

It is stated that Newfoundland is endeavoring to obtain some modifications in the fisheries treaty, now being arranged between Great Britain and the United States.

Some anxiety has been caused by the prolonged illness of Queen Alexandra. Her illness is said to be a severe cold, and has been of such a nature as to cause her to abandon her visit to Berlin.

Wm. Jennings Bryan declared on Saturday last at Shreveport La., that he would make one more attempt to obtain the Democratic nomination. Should he fail he will retire from public life and enter the ministry.

A re-organization of the Railway Commission by which the Dominion is divided into districts under the chief commissioner is announced. Manitoba and Saskatchewan will be in charge of Commissioner J. McLean with W. S. Blythe of Winnipeg as Inspector. Dr. Mills will look after Alberta and British Columbia assisted by Inspector M. J. McCaul.

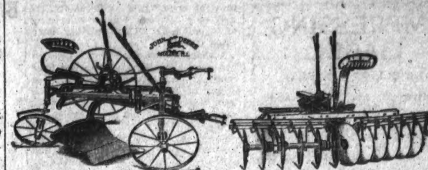
One hundred and seventy-three persons are known to have lost their lives as a result of the floods which are general throughout the Transvaal and Northern Natal. Great damage also has been done to property, mining plants having suffered heavily, and houses and railway bridges being swept away or ruined. The floods are the result of heavy rains that have fallen recently, and all the rivers have been converted into roaring torrents. The railway and telegraph services are disorganized in all directions.

The coal mines at Habon, C.B. which lie entirely under the sea, have been flooded, the sea having broken in. The water is now 15 feet deep and pumps are being used. The mines are the property of a syndicate from Cincinnati, Ohio, which spent a million dollars on them. They have not been operated since last October. At that time the syndicate had trouble with provincial government and since that date the provincial authorities have been in charge, maintaining a force of men to keep them dry. The mine will have to be abandoned.

## Compromise at Cape

After prolonged debates verging on the point of rupture, it is understood the convention decided that Pretoria would be the administrative and Cape Town the legislative centres, neither being specifically designated the capital. This is unlikely to be received cordially by Cape Colony. The convention is practically finished.

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"I'm sure I don't know how I am ever to get out of this scrape." The girl peered helplessly from the antiquated sheet, shuddering at the thunder crashes close on the heels of every dash of lightning.

A deluge of rain swept across the wild pastures. The brook, fifty feet above, roared between its alien lined banks.

"Upon her wide hat fell a steady drizzle from the leaky roof, and her thin dress was drenched in the mist driven shower."

She forced a laugh. Isabel Lynn was not easily daunted. Of course it was lonely and wet and very shattering to the nerves, but she was perfectly safe. Oh, yes, yet her thank her stars to be secure under the friendly boards.

Suddenly a gasp broke from her. She shrank back. Something was coming with leaps through the high weeds growing rankly at the corner of her retreat. Through Isabel's startled brain there flashed thoughts of dangerous animals. The next moment she held nothing. She covered into the farthest corner. Surely the thing would go by.

But it didn't. It dashed under the shed, with a loud snort, blowing and abashing vigorously, then stood gazing at the storm, and words came to Isabel's horrified ears in a steady stream of disgusted wrath.

"Well, if this doesn't beat me! Look at my shoes! Look at my new fannel suit! My hat is ruined, and the next time I go trailing around on the trail of a girl I'll know it. Foster Allison, you're an unmitigated ass. I guess the charming Miss Lynn will not have the pleasure of meeting you! Girls! Bah! I'll take the first train home. I wish I'd never heard of her."

"So do!" sounded a voice in his rear. The man jumped and wheeled. He saw a slender, white-gowned figure straighten up, take a forward step and then halt. A clasp of thunder drowned his exclamation. Then his jaw fell.

"To-do speak, sir?" indignantly. "I tried to. Really, I—I am overjoyed to see you—Miss Lynn. Of course you are—you that is—bless my soul! So unexpected, you know. Quite a shower."

He cut a ridiculous figure in his staring embarrassment, pulling off the wrecked straw hat, bowing in his soaked garments, greatly at loss for words, woefully conscious of what he had said. And he knew that Isabel Lynn had heard him as a model of courtesy and easy manners.

He scamped a hesitating toe in the dirt, smiling idiotically. Was it for this—his fifty mile journey?

Isabel is extremely particular and sensitive to frills. Impression, his Aunt Julia had said. "Here is your letter of introduction, Foster. It's silly to go crazy over a photograph, but go ahead. She is worth it. Everything depends upon the way she is approached. I've praised you to her up to the hilt."

The girl stepped forward, eyeing him in scornful amusement. Her eyes were bright with ill concealed desire to bumble. The dampness had curled her disordered hair in bewitching rings about her white forehead. Roses shone in the smooth cheeks where sarcastic dimples played.

Allston thought he had never seen a more lovely face nor one so unreadable. Idly swinging her hat, she surveyed him curiously, with a challenge, hither, which stung him to steadiness and a reckless impulse to retort.

"When one summers at a farmhouse and takes long strolls in the woods, wetting must be expected, Mr. Allison," said Isabel evenly. "You shouldn't mind your new suit or your shoes. Dear me, how childish! I have heard that you could afford to disregard trifles. I want to blame. You needn't have troubled me."

Allston regarded her in silence. There was more than a hint of disappointment in Isabel's tone. Had she been prejudiced in his favor only to react sharply at his boyish outburst?

Surely some humor lay in the situation. Couldn't the girl see it? He reflected dimly that many women never forgive slighting remarks, even when uttered in unmeaning carelessness.

The cool voice went on. "I suppose they told you at the house that I was over this way?"

Foster nodded. "And you never imagined I might be in this shed?"

A head shake. "You must have had me very much on your mind. Well, I'm a big man seeking a lost damsel, my line would be to keep my eyes open for the shelters to which she would sensibly run, not lose my wits in foolish consideration of raiment and then anatomize the lady."

She laughed cuttlingly. Allston's countenance was reddening. "Why don't you turn back?"

"I'm thinking," said Allston slowly. "I'm trying to make out what chance I have of—of—"

"What chance?" Her eyes opened wide at his seeming indifference.

"Of catching the 6 o'clock train. It is getting late."

"Oh!" Isabel looked down, then up. A strange darkness was settling down upon the earth. Both had forgotten the storm, now grumbling back from the south. The man stepped out into the rain. In a moment he returned. His face was set in hard, worried lines.

"You'll put on my coat, and we'll get

into the open," said he decidedly. "I may be a fool, but I know something of cloudcraft. This building isn't safe. Quick!"

A sharp command, a clutch beneath her arm, then a rapid bounding across rough ground, through the high weeds, to a low stone wall, and huge, breathless, felt herself pulled to her knees, while a strong arm clasped her freely. Lured out of order, and things.

Forgetting all save the recognition of superior strength and judgment, appalled by the unyielding blackness, the reverberating shocks of heaven's hammer every thundering over the hills, she nestled against him, with a little cry, as before her frightened gaze a broad sheet of flame showed bending towers flattered to earth and a distant rail fence hung into flying wreckage.

The man held her more tightly with an unconscious pressure. His face was set and steady, tense in his watching, yet filled with that bold, half smiling light seen on the visages of those who fearlessly enter a perilous way.

The next bright flash found her eyes meeting his in a look as rapid and intense as the lightning itself. The girl smiled, him as his breath drew in sharply.

"Down!" shouted Allston. "Flatt! It's coming. Shut your eyes and hang to my neck!"

Isabel did. In the roar of the elements she clung blindly to him, consumed by the deafening noise and a sense of collapse. The hush following was broken by Allston's laugh.

"My dear girl," he uttered. "Look! Our shed is a heap of sticks, Miss Lynn. That miniature cyclone hit it just right. Well, well, if I hadn't happened to think so much of my clothes!"

"Don't!" said the girl. "Don't, please!"

The man solemnly considered his watch.

"If we hurry," he observed. "I'll get you home and catch my train."

"No," she whispered softly. "I'd rather you would miss it."

Allston's Aunt Julia was speaking of his engagement, and after a few days, a drizzled couple surprised the occupants of a certain farmhouse.

He didn't understand how Foster managed it so quickly, she said. "I find my letter of introduction was not used. He must have made an excellent impression the minute he met Isabel."

Napoleon and the Roman Law.

Napoleon I. had an extraordinary mind. He appeared never to forget anything he cared to remember and assimilated information as the stomach assimilates food, retaining only the valuable. The ceremony was performed in this remarkable quality of his mind.

When forming the "Code Napoleon" he frequently astonished the council of state by the rapidity with which he illustrated any point in discussion by quoting whole passages from memory of the Roman civil law. The council would have a rough guess how he had been passed in camp came to know so much about the old Roman laws. Finally one of them asked him how he acquired his knowledge.

"When I was a lieutenant," Napoleon replied, "I was unjustly placed under arrest. My small prison room contained no furniture except an old chair and a cupboard. In the latter was a ponderous volume, which proved to be a digest of the Roman law. You can easily imagine what a valuable prize the book was to me. It was so bulky and the leaves were so covered with marginal notes in manuscript that had I been confined 100 years I need never have been idle. When I recovered my liberty, at the end of ten days, I was entrusted with the management and the decisions of the Roman legal system. It was then I acquired my knowledge of the civil law."

Marriage Among the Aztecs.

The Aztecs, the most civilized people of the new world at the time of its discovery, had a curious marriage custom. The ceremony was performed by a priest, who took the hands of the bride and bridegroom, asking them if they would marry.

He then took a corner of the woman's veil and the man's robe and knotted them together, and so they were led to the bridegroom's house. A fresh fire was then kindled on the hearth, and around this fire the priest caused the bride to go seven times.

The wedded couple then sat down together, and so was the marriage contracted. An inventory was also made, which the father of the bride afterward retained, of all the man and wife brought together, of furniture for the house, of land, of jewels, ornaments and clothes. Then if it chanced that the couple were divorced, as was common among the Aztecs when man and wife did not agree they divided the goods according to the portion each had brought to the other, both man and wife having liberty to marry again when they pleased. Of the children the marriage the daughters were given to the wife and the sons to the husband. It was enacted upon pain of death that the divorced couple were not again to marry.

All Things Arranged.

"Dear," whispered the eloping lover, "what shall we do with the rope ladder? We shouldn't leave it hanging there."

"Oh, that's all right," replied the coy maiden. "I'll send her to pull it up again so we couldn't get back."—Philadelphia Press.

Feminine Logic.

"George, you seem to be losing all control over Jimmie."

"What makes you think so?"

"Why he can't do what I tell him to do."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

## BADLY RUN DOWN.

Through Over-work—Dr. Williams' Pink Pills Restored Health and Strength.

Badly run down is the condition of thousands throughout Canada—perhaps you are one of them. You find work a burden. You are weak, easily tired, out of order, pale and thin. Your sleep is restless, your appetite poor and you suffer from headaches. All this suffering is caused by bad blood and nothing can make you well but good blood—nothing can give you good blood as quickly as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. These pills never fail to make rich red, health-giving blood.

"About twelve months ago I was all run down as the result of over-work. My doctor ordered me to take a complete rest, but this did not help me. I had no appetite; my nerves were unstrung and I was so weak I could hardly move. Nothing of the sort occurred to me until I began to think of my case was incurable. While confined to my room friends came to see me and one of them advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did so, and soon my appetite improved, my blood came back and less than a month I was able to leave my room. I continued to take the pills for another month and they completely cured me. I am now in the best of health and mind and of them advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I did so, and soon my appetite improved, my blood came back and less than a month I was able to leave my room. I continued to take the pills for another month and they completely cured me. I am now in the best of health and mind and of them advised me to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. 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# THE PERFECT WOMAN

## Hips as Compared with the Bust.

IS THERE a girl in the world who has not stood before the mirror and wondered if she was technically beautiful? Is there any woman who has not longed to know what proportion means, that she may judge by the tape measure whether she is blessed with a good figure or not?

If there is an exception to the general rule, then I am not writing for her. If there is a woman, old or young, who is not interested in her appearance, then I cannot hope to appeal to her with my doctrine of beauty, either natural or acquired.

There have been questions asked me at various times about the proportion for the feminine figure and I sympathize with those queries, and now I want to give a full and satisfactory answer. And I think I can. The best I can do is to give the correct measurement of woman, not from modern, but from Greek standards. This only is possible. After that, every girl may work out the proportion for herself by taking her own type into consideration.

But remember, please, that there has never been a standard for the corseted woman. The only perfect standard is the figure of Venus, who never wore any confining clothes. The modern figure changes. One year it is the fashion to have a very small waist. This means that the hips will be larger, and the figure of Venus cannot be taken as a model. Another year, as now, hips will be out of fashion and waists will be correspondingly large. To attain this end all the lines of the figure must be straightened; even the bust must be so draped that there is almost an imperceptible curve.

The standard of the Greeks required that a perfect woman should be 5 feet 5 inches tall when she was standing flat on the floor. On the height the rest of the measurements were based. With arms outstretched the distance from the tip of one middle finger to the tip of the other should exactly equal the height. The length of the head, from tip of chin, should equal one-tenth of the height; the foot, one-seventh of the height; the diameter of the chest, one-fifth of the height.

The length of the forearm, from the elbow to the tip of the middle finger, should equal the distance from the elbow to the center of the chest, when the arm is held on a level with the shoulder, with elbow bent, so the hand touches the chest.

The length of the foot should equal the distance from the top of the forearm to the chin.

## The Basis of Calculation.

A woman of 5 feet 5 inches in height should have a waist that measures 27 inches, and a bust that measures 34 inches, but the bust measure taken over the arms should be 42 inches.

The upper arm should be 12 inches in circumference, the thigh 15 inches, the calf of the leg 12 inches, the ankle 9 inches, and the wrist should be 10 inches. This is all that she may carry gracefully.

## The Distance Between the Tips of the Two Middle Fingers Should Equal the Height.

These are the measurements prescribed by the Greeks, the most artistic people the world has ever known, but we may not all hope to attain this perfection. In fact, if we did we should find that the clothes of the present would not suit us at all, and at the moment the required weight would be almost 35 pounds too much.

The measurements for the length of the head, the feet, and the forearm are always correct, but the size of the waist and bust must conform to a modern standard.

The Greeks were, however, not the only judges of beauty, for there are scientists who have given their lives to the matter and among those was Dr. Straus. He held that the only perfect type of woman in existence is the Japanese, and his rules in regard to measurement are well worth attention. He says that the height should be seven times the length of the head, sixteen times the length of the face, and nine times the length of



the hand. The leg should be four times the length of the forearm and the shoulders two heads wide. This gives us an entirely new set of figures, which are really more satisfactory than those of the Greeks, for he does not presuppose any given height. He works entirely in proportions, so that any woman, be she tall or short, may find out how nearly she approaches perfection.

For the girl who does her measuring without the aid of her tape measure there are a few simple rules. Her throat should be easily circled by the thumb and second fingers of her two hands joined together. Her thumb and middle finger stretched wide should span the length of her face; the thumb and middle finger of one hand joined should encircle the wrist. What could be easier than this?

The face should be a perfect oval with the greatest width at the ends of the eyebrows just over the temples, and it should divide equally in three zones—the first from the top of the forehead to the eyebrows, the second from there to the base of the nose, the third from that point to the end of the chin. The forehead should be neither high nor low, the nose should be straight—only slightly depressed at the bridge and just as long as the forehead in height.

But in all this measuring you will say there is no mention of the hips. I know it. These also are one of the most difficult things to determine. From the standpoint of the corseted woman without reference to classic requirements, I should say that a woman 5 feet 5 inches in height should have hips that measured between 34 and 40 inches. The hips of the present moment, with the aid of the director at its height, may measure exactly the same as the bust and be not a bit too small.

The judges of classic beauty hold, however, that the hips should be much wider than the shoulders. The hips are a matter of fashion and sometimes we dare to rival Venus!

## PERPLEXITIES SOLVED

### Not Worth Noticing

WILL you kindly advise a young girl who is being much annoyed by a young man who was once her promised husband? Finding we could not get along together, we agreed to break the engagement. We read each other's letters but two, which told me he had destroyed them. I learned through friends that he kept those letters and is showing them to his friends. I am rather embarrassed for me, and I have appealed to him. Is there no way I can make him return the letters?

A DISTRACTED GIRL.  
Mrs. Symes has handed me your letter, which was evidently intended to go in my Etiquette column. I hardly know what to tell you to do to the young man, who is too despicable to talk about. Showing letters to write to him puts him in a much worse position than it does you, and your friends will only feel contempt for him, not for you. It is certainly unfortunate that you should be troubled so, but you should feel thankful that you broke your engagement with him. Don't worry about it, for I am sure it will come out all right. Do not humble yourself by asking him for the letters. Ignore him and the letters, too.

### A Formal Reply.

Please tell me the correct form in which to answer a dinner invitation.  
Mrs. L. M.  
If the invitation is worded in the usual way—Mr. and Mrs. So-and-so request the pleasure, etc.—the answer is written in the same style—"Mr. and Mrs. John Doe accept with pleasure the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roe" to dinner on Saturday evening, April nineteenth, 1906, at 8 o'clock.  
When writing the note the names, Mr. and Mrs. John Doe and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roe, should occupy a line all by themselves.  
The date of the dinner and the hour should always be repeated, as I have indicated, so that, should there have been a mistake in the invitation, it may be corrected before the time of the entertainment.

If, however, you wish to decline the invitation you would write: "Mr. and Mrs. John Doe regret their inability to accept the kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Roe to dinner on Saturday evening, April nineteenth, 1906, at 8 o'clock."

evening, April nineteenth. If you are not going to the dinner it is not necessary for you to repeat the time, but the entertainment and the date of same should both be written.

### Duties of Best Man

Please tell me what are the duties of a best man at a wedding.  
L. M. P.  
In olden times the best man was supposed to attend to the financial end of the bridegroom's affairs, to hire the carriage to be used by the bridegroom and himself, to attend to the trunk, to engage the room at the hotel where the party was to spend its honeymoon. At the present time he has the minister, the sexton and the organist to rely on. He holds the ring until the time comes for him to hand it to the bridegroom. He drives to the church with the bridegroom, and he waits at his right hand until the bride joins them at the altar, and he stands beside the groom during the ceremony. He holds his own and the bridegroom's hat, and he sees that the carriages are ready for the bridesmaids and guests.  
In other words, he does all that he can to make things run easily and smoothly, and he attempts to assure that the bridegroom is supposedly too nervous to see to it.

### "Seeing Nellie Home"

Is it right to have your escort into the house after an evening entertainment?  
DICK FALLINGDOWN.  
It is not good form to take to anybody on your own front door steps without suggesting that they come in, unless it be entirely too late. In that case, you may mention the lateness of the hour, make a few courteous remarks, and then say, "Good-night, and thank you."

### Formal Calls

I have lately moved to a new neighborhood, and many people have called on me. How soon should I return their calls?  
SUGARHILL.  
Etiquette demands that a call should be paid inside of two weeks, and it will be better if you could possibly meet the kind invitation of Mr. So-and-so to call within that length of time.

# Advice on Social Problems.

Mrs. Chester Adams  
most cordially invites her friends  
to bring to her Social  
Problems and Perplexities  
by letter at any time

## Dinner Party Manners

MORE people have been frightened at the prospect of attending a formal dinner party than at any other form of entertainment, but this excessive timidity is quite unnecessary, for if the dinner is well arranged, there will not be a moment when the hostess does not lead the way. I will, however, review the details of a dinner for the benefit of the doubtful ones.  
In the first place, the guests should arrive within five minutes of the hour set. This allows time for them to go to the room appointed, remove their wraps and deposit them in the dressing room, where they greet their host and hostess. They will presume the dinner to be given in a private house, and in that case the dressing room for the men will probably be on the second floor (the second), as the room for the women. In the case of a hotel, or should be, a maid in attendance, and on the dressing table there will be many little things that a woman would require, such as a hand mirror and a comb, and a handkerchief. This last is, of course, in case of accident. Unconscious of the hostess very often, too timid to ask the maid for what they need, they need only remember that she is there to be out of the ordinary. Never use the surface of the table for a handkerchief, but it will probably be the one chosen as a guest room, and she may use any of her personal belongings.

The maid will remove your carriage shoes and take your wraps from you, and when you are satisfied with your appearance you may go down to the drawing room. At a dinner party never arrange to meet even your husband in the hall. Go down alone or with some friend that you have met in the dressing room.

The arrangements for the men are similar to those for the women, except that there is not necessarily a valet present to attend to masculine wants.

At very formal parties there will be a butler at the foot of the steps, who will hand each man a party envelope upon a silver tray or salver. In this he will find a card bearing the name of the woman he is to take to dinner. If he does not know her, he mentions the fact to his hostess when he greets her and she will present him. He then tells his partner that he believes he is to have the pleasure of taking her in, and he should remain by her side, unless she is surrounded by others. In that case, he may wander away and speak to his friends, but when dinner is announced he should return promptly to her.

## AT THE TABLE

At less formal parties the host or hostess will tell the men whom their partners will be.

A man taking his partner to dinner will offer her his right arm, if the other men are thus escorting their partners, or he may merely walk to her left side. He guided in this by the other men. It is a custom that varies in different parts of the country. There will be a dinner card with the name of the guest who is the woman, and when the seats are found, the men pull out the chairs for the women. And when they are seated the men take their own chairs. Sometimes there are ladies of course, the women there are ladies of course. Orders are usually served, and as they are served with a small and rather peculiarly shaped fork, the position of the silver may be judged by the position of this. If the table is properly set, this fork will be on the outside at the right hand, with a soup spoon next, and whatever other utensils are needed follow in order in a line extending toward the plate. Many dinners are begun with savor, but the first fork in the line will be the oyster fork, so it may still be used as a guide. If the hostess gets her table the other way, as it were, the first fork will be beside the plate and the others in order extending in a line away from the plate.  
When in doubt, the experienced guest will always wait until the hostess has picked up her fork or spoon, and then he or she will follow her example. This is the only really safe thing to do. At very large dinners the guests begin to eat when they are served, but it is always more polite to wait until every one at the table is served before starting. It is not necessary to eat all of everything set before you, but it is always better form to taste everything and look as though you were eating it. That is a duty you owe your hostess. The best has been provided, and you should, at least, pretend to enjoy it.  
In the meantime, talk to your dinner partner and do what you can to make the dinner agreeable. One woman or one man at the head or foot of the table cannot keep a long line of people talking at the head or foot of the table. Do not talk of things that may not be discussed by the other guests. Be as pleasant and as unobtrusive as possible, and smiling, so the other guests may know you if they so desire. To do this it is not necessary to be a social expert. If there is something you will not lack an audience.  
The dinner should be a pleasant one, and when the men have all risen and retired to the drawing room, the women should remain seated. For this reason, toward the end of the dinner, the women should be seated at a table at the head of the table, so when the men are seated they are seated with a small and rather peculiarly shaped fork, the position of the silver may be judged by the position of this. If the table is properly set, this fork will be on the outside at the right hand, with a soup spoon next, and whatever other utensils are needed follow in order in a line extending toward the plate. Many dinners are begun with savor, but the first fork in the line will be the oyster fork, so it may still be used as a guide. If the hostess gets her table the other way, as it were, the first fork will be beside the plate and the others in order extending in a line away from the plate.  
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